



THE STORY OF GOD'S GREAT *Love*

Pt. 3: Genesis chapters 37-46
A Pit, A Prison and
the Loving Plan of God

1. Joseph is Rejected

- His Father's favored esteem
- Joseph's strange dream
- His brother's evil scheme

God is in control, so don't waste your life moaning about your "bad breaks."

2. Joseph is Refined

- His integrity was tested in a place of prosperity.
- Secrecy encourages sinful conduct.
- His faith was tested in a place of adversity.

But God was with Joseph! God's presence can make a prison a palace while on the other hand God's absence can make a palace a prison.

Difficult times in life are not necessarily a reflection on a person's past as much as it is a requirement for a person's future.

3. Joseph is Rewarded

- He became a ruler.
- He became a reconciler.
- He became a rescuer.

God goes to great lengths to develop character in those that He plans to assign to high places.

God rewards us with responsibility not so others will serve us but so that we may serve others.